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Location

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1. A military airfield, referred to as the New Airfield (Nove letiste), is located north of the city of Olomouc, (N 49-35, E 17-15), 1.5 kilometers from the confluence of the Bystrice and Schantel rivers, in an area described by the Olomouc-Bystrice railroad line and the Olomouc-Belkovice and the Bystrovany-Drozdein roads. The field is rectangular, 2,500 m. long and 1,800 m. wide, facing from northeast to southwest. The entire field is surrounded on all sides by barbed wire; the barracks compounds have their own additional barbed wire fences. The southwest corner is 1.5 kilometers from the confluence of the Bystrice and Schantel rivers, 400 m. from the Olomouc-Bystrovany railroad line; the northwest corner is 2.5 kilometers from the southwest corner, 100 m. east of the Olomouc-Belkovice road; the southeast corner is 400 m. northwest of the crossing of the Olomouc-Bystrovany railroad and the Bystrovany-Drozdein highway; the northeast corner is one kilometer southwest of Samotisek Obec.
2. The airfield was begun in 1950 and was completed in 1953. Currently, expansion operations are in progress in the barracks compounds. The old airfield, located northwest of Olomouc, is now devoted to commercial flying.
3. A concrete highway leads from Bystrovany Obec to the eastern corner of the field with a branch road leading to the southern flank. A concrete side road also leads to the barracks compound (Item 9 on sketch). An industrial spur leads from the Olomouc-Bystrovany railroad line to the southeast corner of the field and to the main fuel depot (Item 12 of sketch). Another turnout leads to the barracks compound (Item 8 on sketch).
4. Electric power is supplied from the Olomouc Power Plant by underground cable. The location of the cable is not known. The field has its own searchlight units; details not available. The runway is outlined, on both sides, with built-in lights, spaced about 100 m. apart. Similarly, the flanks of the field are outlined in built-in lights.

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Runways and Taxi Strips

5. The field has two diagonal runways, connecting the west and east corners and the south and north corners. Each runway is made of concrete and is 65 m. wide (Item 1 of sketch).
6. A taxi strip runs parallel with the south flank of the field, some 200 m. north of the flank; it is 1,600 m. long. The strip does not quite reach the west or the east side of the field. The taxi strip is 50 m. wide and is made of reinforced concrete. (Item 2 of sketch). Where the taxi strip crosses the west and east ends of the runway, there is a 400 x 400 m. concrete apron, on either side of the field (Item 3 of sketch). Some six concrete strips, 20 m. wide, lead from the runway, in a southerly direction, to the hangars.
- Buildings
7. Six hangars, each measuring about 85 x 45 m., and built of concrete and brick with slate roofs and sheet-metal doors, are located along the southern flank of the field. The hangars are 100 m. apart.
8. The headquarters building is located along the southern flank. It is 20 x 60 m., has three stories, a flat roof, and is painted gray. A control tower, 20 m. high, protrudes from the center of the roof. The tower also has a flat roof. Several [unidentified] adjoining structures and warehouse buildings are located to the south of the hangars.
9. The barracks compounds (Items 7, 8 of sketch) are separated from the airfield by a concrete road. The water for the barracks compounds is supplied from wells located south of the airfield and west of Bistrovany Obec, on the Bystrice River (Item 13 of sketch).
10. Barracks compound (Item 7) is located south of the headquarters building and houses Czechoslovak Air Force personnel. The compound consists of:
 - 12 two-story buildings, 60 x 80 m.
 - 2 three-story buildings, 60 x 80 m.
 - 2 workshop structures
 - 1 gymnasium
 - 12 one-story structures
 - 1 boilerhouse for central heating
 - 3 rows of garages and warehouses
 - 1 sports field with swimming pool
11. Barracks compound (Item 8) houses the AA Artillery Regiment and consists of the following:
 - 5 two-story structures
 - 3 one-story structures
 - 2 rows of garages
12. Barracks compound (Item 9) to the east is still under construction and will provide housing for paratroop units. (Currently the paratroopers are housed in the convent at Samitisek). The compound consists of:
 - 2 jump towers already completed
 - 6 two-story structures, 60 x 20 m.
 - 4 one-story structures
 - 1 row of garages

Most of these buildings are already completed up to their roofs. Interior work on the buildings has only been started. This complex is surrounded by barbed wire anchored on steel poles.

Motor Fuels and Ammunition

13. A fuel depot (Item 12 of sketch), measuring 250 x 100 m., is located 150 m. east of the east corner of the field and 150 m. south of the barracks compound which is still under construction. Subterranean fuel storage tanks are located in the above area. [redacted] pipelines connect this location with the aircraft dispersal areas. (Item 3 of sketch). It is believed that this fuel depot contains both aviation gasoline and jet fuels.

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14. Each of the three barracks compounds has a corrugated iron building for storage of ammunition for use by the men housed in the compound. Details not available.

15. A central ammunition depot is located in the valley near "Kote 343", some 4 kilometers east of the airfield, in an area which is strictly guarded and closed off. The area contains some 50 barracks-type buildings, located about 35 m. apart. Each building is surrounded by earth revetments. The entire area is surrounded by barbed wire. Four guard towers overlook the area and are equipped with searchlights and machine guns. The entire arsenal is overgrown with trees and bushes and well camouflaged against detection from the air. Additional details not available.

Radio, Radar, and Meteorological Station

16. A radio antenna, which is bent at right angles and is mounted on a steel mast 5 meters tall, supported by seven cables, is located on top of the headquarters building roof.

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17. A radar umbrella [redacted] is located at "Kote 343". Closer details could not be ascertained, since the area immediately surrounding the radar installation is strictly closed off. [redacted] there are two mobile radar installations on the field itself, mounted on Dodge trucks. Each radar unit has three such trucks. The two mobile radar units usually are observed along the east flank and in the southeast corner of the field, when in operation. All radar is strictly guarded and can be observed only from a distance.

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18. The meteorological station (Item 11 of sketch) is located 2.2 kilometers northwest of the north corner of the airfield, and is housed in an old farmhouse.

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AA Emplacements

19. AA emplacements (Item 10 of sketch) are located 200 m. west of the southwest corner of the field; 200 m. northwest of the northeast corner; 50 m. south of the southern flank, and 200 m. east of the southwest corner, between the side of the airfield and the Olomouc-Bystrovany railroad line; also 200 m. east of the barracks compound (Item 8); and in the southern corner of Drozdein Obec. All the above positions are concrete and designed for four AA guns each. Near the concrete emplacements are some earth emplacements and grass-covered dugouts for rapid-firing AA cannon.

Blast shelters (Item 4 of sketch)

20. Blast shelters are located along the entire east flank of the field; their exact number is not known. The shelters are surrounded by earth revetments.

Garrison

21. The following units are stationed at the field:

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a. Headquarters, the commandant's office, and divisional units indispensable to the operation of a mixed airforce division [redacted] including:

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- (1) A headquarters company.
- (2) A searchlight unit with (reportedly) 10 searchlights and listening instruments.
- (3) Observation and intelligence company.
- (4) Motorized signal battalion with one radio, one radar, and one heavy cable company.
- (5) One light AA division [sic] with 3 batteries (each battery has four 37-mm. rapid-firing AA cannon).
- (6) A workshops company.
- (7) A quartermaster supply battalion with transportation unit attached.
- (8) Medical unit.

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b. A Fighter Regiment [redacted] consisting of:

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- (1) Flight headquarters.
- (2) A headquarters company.
- (3) Signal company with radio, radar, and cable platoons.
- (4) AA machine gun company with nine 12.7-mm. AA machine guns.
- (5) Transportation company.
- (6) Medical unit.
- (7) Four fighter aircraft squadrons (Jagdfliegereskadrillen) consisting of 18 MIG-15s and 60 MIG-17s.

c. A Light Bomber Regiment [redacted] consisting of:

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- (1) Flight headquarters.
- (2) Headquarters company.
- (3) Signal company with radio, radar, and cable platoons.
- (4) AA company (nine 12.7-mm. AA machine guns).
- (5) Transportation company.
- (6) Medical unit.
- (7) Three bomber squadrons (Bombereskadrillen) consisting of one PE-2 and 36 IL-10s.

d. A Transport Squadron (Transporteskadrille) (Field Post Office unknown).

- (1) Headquarters company (workshops and signal units).
- (2) Three transportation sections with 3 IL-12/A aircraft (three each).

e. An Aircraft Service Battalion [redacted], consisting of four companies.

f. A Mixed AA Artillery Regiment [redacted] belonging to the 11th Motorized Division in Olomouc, consisting of:

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- (1) Headquarters company.
- (2) Signal company.
- (3) Transportation company.
- (4) Three AA artillery divisions [sig] with 3 batteries each. (First division battery: four 85-mm. AA cannon; 2nd division and 3rd division batteries: each four 37-mm. rapid-firing AA cannon.)

g. A Parachute Regiment [redacted] which is strictly separated from other units on the field and consists of about 1,400 men.

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Comment:

The location given for this airfield does not coincide with the location of either the Olomouc-Meredin Airfield, reported WSW of Olomouc, or the Olomouc-Nové Sady Airfield, reported south of Olomouc.

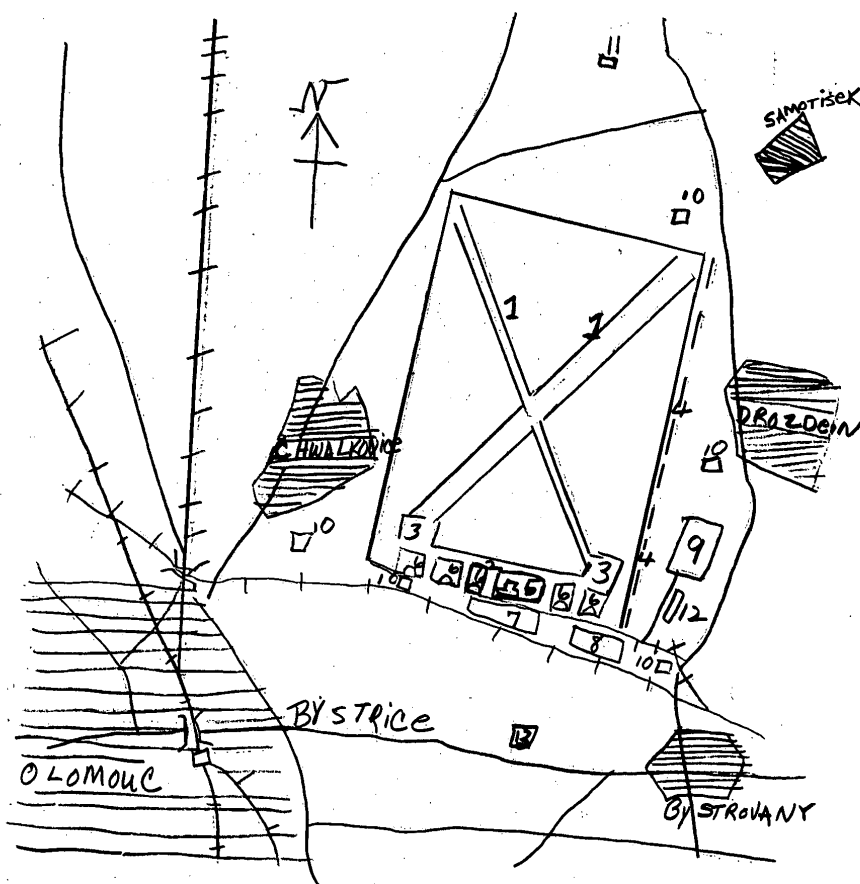
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Legend to sketch of Olomouc Military Airfield

1. Concrete runway
2. Concrete taxi strip
3. Concrete aircraft dispersal areas
4. Aircraft parking areas
5. Airforce headquarters command
6. Hangars and approaches to taxi strip
7. Airforce barracks compound
8. AA barracks compound
9. Paratrooper barracks compound
10. Antiaircraft positions
11. Meteorological station
12. Central motor fuel depot
13. Wells for drinking water

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